

VOTING SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marian R. Acon, Board President, at 7:09 P. M.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Marian R. Acon, Board President.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mrs. Marian R. Acon - President
Mr. George A. Bauer
Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
Mrs. Annette R. Hubbard
Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard – Vice President
Mr. Dennis Iannini
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk
Mr. Brian C. May
Mr. Floyd B. Tame - Treasurer

Absent:

NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Jane Bovalino	Mrs. Kathleen Onuska
Mr. Michael Damon	Mr. Louis Campisi
Miss Amanda Cwynar	Mr. Ryan Herstine
Mr. Nick Long	

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

There was no correspondence to be reported this evening.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no citizens wishing to address the Board on agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS:

The Rochester Middle School February Students of the Month were presented this evening by Miss Jessica Smith. They are:

6th – Morgan Jones
7th – Samarra Garcia
8th – Kiera Witt

None of the above students were able to be present this evening. Miss Smith did announce this to the Board. Mrs. Acon, Board President, asked Miss Smith to report to the students that the Board is proud of their performance and noted that she was sure they would continue to do the same in the future.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 22, 2018 Voting Session and the February 12, 2018 Discussion/Work Session were approved as submitted by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mrs. Annette Hubbard, and unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Bovalino began with a commendation to the Board of School Directors of the District by stating: "I would like to recognize our Board of School Directors who work tirelessly in this non-paid, voluntary, public service position. They devote numerous hours to making difficult decisions. They are friends, neighbors, community members, and parents at your school who are the community voice in the important public school decisions. They make sure your concerns are heard and the unique challenges, qualities, culture and circumstances of the community are reflected in how our children are educated. As federal and state funding gets tighter and regulations increase, the job of these nine individuals has become much more challenging." She added, "There is no question that it takes a lot of dedicated individuals to successfully run a school district, including teachers, administrators, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, maintenance staff, secretaries and aides to name a few. However, at this time, I'd like to thank you, our school directors, for your time and effort you put into helping our schools. Thank you for the long hours spent at meetings and reading through paperwork. Thank you for making the difficult decisions on our behalf. Thank you for listening to our concerns, and thank you for serving every child, every day."

Dr. Bovalino then reminded that Story Walk will be on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. and the STEAM Walk, Elementary Cafeteria will be on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Also this Wednesday the Bocci Tournament will be held here at Rochester beginning at 3:00 p.m. and may go until 7:00 p.m. We are the defending state champs and hope to remain champs.

Dr. Bovalino reported that on your way out of the building you may want to stop in the auditorium lobby to see Rochester's own Beaver County Hall of Fame which was instigated by Kathy Onuska.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Garen Fedeles reported that on the law suit we have filed regarding the yearbook we have received notice from the Court that we have what is called an oral argument on March 21, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. before the Judge. What that means is that the Judge will hear from both sides and give his decision probably in a week or two as to whether or not he is going to allow our case, which what we asked for was essentially for the case to be decided now based on what was filed. So we are going to orderly argue that on March 21st. Once we get that decision we will let you know. Fingers crossed the Judge will agree with us and that will allow the book to be printed right then. If the Judge does not agree with us then the case will be moved forward to a later date.

BOARD COMMITTEE ACTIONS

ATHLETICS:

Mr. Blackwell motioned to accept the resignation of Amanda Cwynar from the position of Athletic Director effective February 12, 2018. Mr. May seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. Mr. Tame commended Miss Cwynar for her very good performance in this position.

The resignation of Miss Hailee LaValle from the position of Assistant Softball Coach, effective immediately, due to her responsibilities as Head Volleyball Coach was accepted by motion of Mr. Blackwell, second of Mr. May, and unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Blackwell motioned to approve Melissa Zawislak as a Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach. Mr. May seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. Mrs. Zawislak's clearances are on file.

Mr. Blackwell motioned to approve the establishment of a two year co-op agreement between Rochester Area School District and New Brighton Area School District to participate in the New Brighton Area Girls Varsity Tennis Program. This agreement will be in effect for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years. Mr. May seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

FINANCE:

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the following financial reports:

- A. Treasurer's Report for the month of January.

- B. Payment of Bills
 - a. General Fund \$648,906.38
 - b. Cafeteria Fund \$ 32,009.91
- C. Monthly Financial Reports
 - a. General Fund – Revenue Report
 - b. General Fund – Expenditure Report
 - c. Cafeteria Fund – Revenue Report
 - d. Cafeteria Fund – Expenditure Report
- D. Informational Reports
 - a. Tax Collector Reports

Mrs. Annette Hubbard seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the following substitute drivers and aides for Rhodes Transportation (clearances are on file):

DRIVERS

John Scheer
Nichole Miller
Rich Palak
Harry Duncan
Lisa Ross
Louann Waxler
Dawna Perlick
Terrell Taylor
Holly Slater
Melina Angerett

AIDES

Pat Forse
Margaret Petruess
Sharon Swint
Denise Shanner
Lakeisha Irving

Mrs. Annette Hubbard seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the exoneration of Tax Collector, Donna S. Robson, from collection of the unpaid 2017 Rochester Area School District Real Estate Taxes in Rochester Borough in the amount of \$288,363.77 and penalty of \$28,836.62. The unpaid taxes have been turned over to Portnoff Law Associates, the District's Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector. This was seconded by Mrs. Annette Hubbard and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Tame to exonerate Gary L. Johnson, Tax Collector, from the collection of the unpaid 2017 Rochester Area School District Real Estate Taxes in Rochester Township in the amount of \$135,761.21 and penalty of \$14,005.50. The unpaid taxes have been turned over to Portnoff Law Associates, the District's Delinquent Real Estate Tax

Collector. Mrs. Annette Hubbard seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to exonerate Debra Ahern, Tax Collector, from collection of the unpaid 2017 Rochester Area School District Real Estate Taxes in East Rochester Borough in the amount of \$44,254.61 and penalty of \$4,186.38. The unpaid taxes have been turned over to Portnoff Law Associates, the District's Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector. Mrs. Annette Hubbard seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL:

INFORMATION ITEM:

At the January 22, 2018 Board Meeting, Heather Borer was approved to serve as the mentor for Debra Robles, mentee, effective December 14, 2017. The effective date of December 14, 2017 was erroneous. The correct date should be NOVEMBER 14, 2017.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve Mrs. Pamela Gill's request to attend the Pennsylvania Association of Federal Programs Conference (PAFPC) at Hershey, PA on April 29, 2018 through May 2, 2018, at a cost of \$435.00 registration fee, plus transportation and lodging. Mrs. Kronk seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Michelle Hubbard to approve the Transition Services Agreement between Rochester Area School District and Cares of Western PA to provide services for a student one (1) day per week for a period of thirty (30) days. After the thirty (30) days an evaluation will be made as to whether or not to increase services to two (2) days per week. This agreement is effective February 1, 2018 and shall be effective until the student graduates or the agreement is terminated by either party at a rate of \$20.12 per hour for day services. This was seconded by Mrs. Kronk and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve Gennifer Gaskins to be added to the Study Tables Program for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year at a rate of \$25/per hour as per contract. Mrs. Kronk seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve the following field trips:

- a. Friday, February 9, 2018 – National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) Junior students to attend the David L. Lawrence Convention Center for the National College Fair.
- b. Wednesday, February 28, 2018 – High School students chosen by student leaders to attend Community College of Beaver County to participate in the county wide initiative from a grant to provide drug preventions in schools.
- c. Thursday, March 8, 2018 – Grades 9-10 Science students to attend the Carnegie Science Center to participate in Sci-Tech Days workshop.

- d. Thursday, March 8, 2018 – Junior and Senior High School Special Education Transition students to attend Community College of Allegheny County to attend a college visit.
- e. Monday, March 19, 2018 – Grade 5 Art Club students to attend RASD for an artist visiting the school for special class for hands-on experience to metalsmithing via Beaver County Arts Education Consortium (BCAEC).
- f. Wednesday, April 25, 2018 – High School student Youth Ambassadors to attend Community College of Beaver County for a quarterly event to educate students on mental health awareness.
- g. Thursday, April 26, 2018 – Monday, April 30, 2018 – Middle School GATE/Enrichment students to attend the 2018 Academic Games League of America (AGLOA) National Tournament in Knoxville, Tennessee. The students who qualify will compete against players from around the country in several academic games to see who are the best teams and individual players. The admission fee is \$130 per child and coach. We anticipate the cost of transportation to be \$500. Saxon Palmer and Jaxon Camp have qualified for Nationals.
- h. Friday, May 18, 2018 – Grades 4-5 Art Club students to attend the Mattress Factory Museum in Pittsburgh to participate in a hands-on installation workshop.

The above motion was seconded by Mrs. Kronk and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve the Family Medical Leave request of Employee #4275 in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, beginning March 1, 2018 through March 16, 2018, pending post-operative course. Employee would like to use 10 sick days and 2 vacation days while being placed on Family Medical Leave. Mrs. Kronk seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Amy McClymonds was approved to serve as a General Assistant in a four (4) hour position in the Nutritional Services Department beginning March 1, 2018 as per contract by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mrs. Kronk, and unanimous roll call vote. (Clearances are on file for Ms. McClymonds).

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve Donna M. Short to serve as a General Assistant in a four (4) hour position in the Nutritional Services Department beginning March 1, 2018 as per contract. Mrs. Kronk seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. (Ms. Short's clearances are on file).

Karen High was approved to be added to the K-12 Volunteer list by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mrs. Kronk, and unanimous roll call vote. (Ms. High's clearances are on file). She is playing the piano for the School Musical and is a member of the Beaver Valley Choral Society.

BEAVER VALLEY INTERMEDIATE UNIT:

Mr. Larry Blackwell motioned to approve Mr. Larry Blackwell to serve as the Delegate Representative for the Rochester Area School District on the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit's Board of Directors to serve for a three (3) year term commencing on July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022. Mrs. Annette Hubbard seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no citizens wishing to address the Board on non-agenda items this evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business for this evening Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to adjourn this meeting at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Tame seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol Gross".

Carol Gross
Board Secretary